

RABBI ON CHRIST

H. H. MAYER DELIVERS AN ADDRESS ON "IN HIS STEPS."

LITERARY ASPECT OF BOOK

HE DECLARES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW JESUS' CHARACTER.

Thinks That if the Golden Rule Had Been Given to the World by Mr. Sheldon, the Problems Raised Would Have Been Solved.

Those who were present at the Temple yesterday afternoon to listen to Rabbi Mayer's lecture upon Rev. Mr. Sheldon's "In His Steps," heard a novel address. The occasion was the first of the series of open club meetings which the Council of Jewish Women intend giving, and the representation from other women's clubs was encouraging.

The rabbi's criticisms of "In His Steps" dealt with the literary rather than the ethical aspect of the book. However the chief interest in his talk for visiting club women, that is centered so much in his criticisms as in the presentation which he gave of the Jewish idea of Jesus of Nazareth. The rabbi spoke without manuscript.

"Ladies," he said, "I suppose in this instance I may omit the other half of the speakers' usual salutation to his audience, for, although it would not be generally correct to make the statement in this case, the women embrace the male portion of the audience. I have been asked to discuss Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's 'In His Steps.' I would rather have chosen another book for my topic, but the ladies said that they preferred to hear their rabbi speak about this book, and the rabbi bowed to the supreme will of the ladies. And after all it is, perhaps fair and just that the rabbi should discuss this book, for the problems which are set forth in it are the same in which the Jew is also interested. Mr. Sheldon's book is not a novel. It is not a lampoon, for the defects of human nature and society which it sets forth are so brought to light that they may be corrected. Nor is it a devotional work. It is simply a study in social ethics. This book bears to literature in general the same relation that the paintings of Puy de Chavannes do to the field of art. The effect given is that of a general impression of which the details are very vague. Some of you have seen these paintings in the Pantheon at Paris and marveled at their beauty, but when you came to examine them more closely you found them very dim. It is the same with Mr. Sheldon's book. By virtue of this impressionistic element, which is the outline of the story, the author has not been able to give us a clear picture of the characters. What would Jesus do? that he may stir up society by it. Artistically it is a deficiency thus continuously to repeat in the self same words and in the self same way, 'What would Jesus do?'

The story has a purpose, but scientific pedagogues who have lessons to teach know better how to vary their teachings and even the wise mother realizes the value of occasional reticence in the training of her child. The characters in the book are not real people, but dummies which the author has set up that they may be draped and redraped with the one thought with which he wishes to impress the reader. And on account of this, though I say it with all deference to the author, the pleasure in the book does not outlast the momentary one of reading the pages. Yet the book will not die on account of the popularization of its doctrine. It has been brought down to the understanding of the simplest minded, and it will always be read by earnest seekers of the truth."

In regard to the teaching of "In His Steps," Rabbi Mayer said that the motive was the setting up of Jesus as an example to be followed by all men. His character was to be taken as a model.

Character of Jesus. "And yet," said the rabbi, "although I have worshiped in Christian sanctuaries I have never, except in a Unitarian church, heard the character of Jesus preached about. I have heard His nature and His functions preached about, but His character, never. Before we can imitate we must understand the character that we are to take for a pattern. What is this character of Jesus? Much of a man's character can, of course, be read from his face, but can we read the character of Jesus in the Christ faces that have been painted on canvas? In all those paintings Christ is pictured as grieving, sad and sorrowful, but the real

Jesus was a man of power and strength. We cannot learn His character from them. 'What of the Gospel accounts? Can we draw the picture of His personality from these? Do you know that character that differentiates one man from another? If Jesus was more than a man as He is presented to us in the Bible, it were vain to examine into His character because that is divine, being perfect, has no character.'

Rabbi Mayer spoke of the inadequacy of the information concerning the character of Jesus and called attention to the phenomenally short period of His activity, four months. His picture of the life would struggle of the founder of the Christian religion was as follows:

"Jesus was first a man as a disciple of John the Baptist. Later the ways of master and disciple parted and followers thronged around Jesus as a leader. Inspired by His elevation to leadership Jesus then called himself 'the Son of Man.' He went about preaching that the things of the world are not the vital ones, but that submission to the will of God is all that is left. He was a Jew who lived in the land of Palestine. He was a product of the ages and as such he felt the temptation of the disciple who said to him, 'Verily, Jesus, you are not the son of man, but the Son of God.' He met this statement at first with the counter one, 'Who said behind me, satan.' But His disciples continued to glorify Him and as time progressed Jesus knew that there was not Rome would descend upon Him on account of the leadership that had been pushed upon Him."

In regard to the Lord's Supper, Rabbi Mayer said that when Jesus sat with His disciples around Him in the customary Jewish manner He felt that the time had come when Rome would no longer brook the interference caused by His preaching. He knew that trouble was to come, but He was not a bloody man. Therefore, He determined to give Himself up.

"There was a hidden meaning in His words," said Rabbi Mayer, "when He said, 'I know that there is one here who will betray me.' There was a hint conveyed in the words and Jesus Iscariot knew it. Judas Iscariot was not a villain. He did not wickedly betray his master. He but carried out His belief."

In closing Rabbi Mayer returned to the point which he had made at the beginning of his lecture, namely, that there is no clue to the solution of the problems that are held up to us in this book, but that another golden rule, which is an expression of the negative side of that of the 'Christian churches,' 'What thou doest unto that another.' If this precept had been given to the public in place of the golden rule, the problems in 'In His Steps' would have been solved. Instead of left undecided with the public."

Two musical numbers were given a piano solo by Miss Hess and a vocal duet by Miss Hess in which she was accompanied by Miss Barker on the piano and Miss Walter on the violin obligato. Miss Hess was enthusiastically encored.

FRATERNITY BANQUETS. Beta Theta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta at Hotel Toledo tomorrow night.

Several banquets are in store for the members of the various college fraternities and alumni associations within the next few days. It is announced that the Kansas City chapter Beta Theta Psi will hold its semi-annual dinner at the Midland hotel to-morrow evening, at which many college men from the surrounding country will be present. They will remain to attend the Missouri-Kansas football game on Thanksgiving day.

The members of the Phi Kappa Psi will give a smoker at the Hotel Baltimore, which will be attended by the Kansas City Alumni Association and the chapters from Kansas and Nebraska universities.

At the Coates House also on Wednesday evening members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity will banquet.

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The scale weights which Kessner had in his hands were placed in evidence. They were the familiar round and kind. John Van Cleave, keeper of the store in front of which Kessner was shot, testified that Kessner was a bad and dangerous man. On cross-examination, however, he admitted that in the twelve years that he had known him he had only known of him being in one fight, and that was when he ejected a drunken man from the depot. He had never heard of him attempting to cut, shoot or kill anyone.

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Wants \$10,000 Damages. The suit of Mrs. Mollie Elliott against the city for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by a fall upon a defective sidewalk on the east side of Central street between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, August 3, last, was commenced before Judge J. H. Brown yesterday.

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HOME FOR AGED WOMEN. Will Open Its Doors This Afternoon and All Donations Will Be Gratefully Received.

The Protestant Home for Aged Women, corner Twenty-ninth and Cherry, will open its doors this afternoon to the public. There will be an annual meeting of the board of managers at 2 o'clock and afterward a package party. The packages to consist of things needed in the home, such as food and clothing.

Twenty-three inmates in the home, all cheerful and contented and waiting patiently and happily in the home so helpfully furnished them by loving hearts for that day when they shall find release from the cares and burdens that have been theirs on earth. It is hoped that the spirit of Thanksgiving will enter the hearts of fortunate ones in the city and that a share of their kindly bounty will reach these patient and gentle waiters.

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Thanksgiving

For....

Articles

To-day and to-morrow we are to hold a special sale of articles most suitable for use on Thanksgiving Day—

Linens for the Table, Silverware, Table Ornaments, Cut Glassware, Dinner Sets, Cooking Utensils, Table Delicacies, Dining Room Chairs, Dining Room Tables, China Cabinets, Ribbons, Cans, Umbrellas, and Tin Horns for the Football Game.

Everything pertaining to Thanksgiving will find a prominent place in this sale. Come to-day or to-morrow, as Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) the Store will not be open for business.

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GIRLS WALKED OUT.

Swofford Bros. Employees Strike Because Their Demands for a Raise Was Not Granted.

The 30 girls employed in the Swofford Bros.' overall factory struck yesterday when their previously made demand of a raise for 47 1/2 to 54 cents per dozen was refused.

They proceeded in a body to labor headquarters, where they remained almost all day, while their leaders conferred with J. J. Swofford in the hope of a compromise. After talking with the leaders of the strikers, Mr. Swofford offered to raise his scale to 50 cents a dozen, but the committee was authorized to accept of cents only. The conference resulted in nothing so far as settlement was concerned.

Mr. Swofford said yesterday: "We formerly paid 65 cents for making overalls, but these were of a much different kind from those we are now making and for easier to make. Our competitors are paying 47 1/2 cents for making exactly the same kind of a garment, and when the committee called upon me this morning I offered to raise the price to 50 cents, or 25 cents more than our competitors are paying for the same thing. We are compelled to sell our goods in the market with other factories, and in offering 25 cents more than they are paying, I took off considerable of our profit. I had hoped that the girls would meet us half way, but they did not do this. I need the girls will come back to work, as many of them have not been out of the factory. The strike could not have come on at a more convenient time for us, as we are about to move into our new building, and it will be some time before we can install our machinery and get ready to continue manufacturing. We have no doubt but that our former employees, and when we get ready to hire girls for our new factory we shall give preference to those who are now on a strike."

The girls claim they cannot average more than \$1 per week and can make this only by persistent labor.

WHITE AND BLUE RAMPANT.

Simple and Ungarnished Legend "17 to 0," Adorns Gas Jet at Central High School.

The white and the blue are waving in triumph in the halls at Central high school, and the simple and ungarnished legend, "17 to 0," which is suspended from the gas jet in the lower hall surrounded and overhung by the gay colors, tells the whole story. Nobody need be told that it means Topeka high school 0 and Central 17, which was the score of the football game between the two schools Saturday at Excelsior park.

The school is especially jubilant, as it had feared a defeat because it had been defeated so badly in Topeka a few weeks before. The victory of the school, tells the whole story. Nobody need be told that it means Topeka high school 0 and Central 17, which was the score of the football game between the two schools Saturday at Excelsior park.

WILL HELP THE POOR. First Christian Church C. E. Society Will Make Its Annual Donation.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian church held its monthly business meeting last night at the church, at which it was planned to make the annual donation to the poor of the city. The method of preparing a large number of baskets, each one containing enough edibles to provide a good-sized family with a Christmas dinner, and the work will be pushed right up to Christmas.

MEASURE WILL BE TESTED. First Arrest Under the Junk and Second-Hand Dealer Ordinance Made Yesterday.

Harry Lavigne was arrested yesterday on a charge of not keeping a register of second-hand goods purchased and not giving a description of same to the chief of police.

This is the first arrest under the new ordinance, making it a misdemeanor for second-hand and junk dealers not to keep a register of all purchases of second-hand goods and to give a description of same to the chief of police.

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A Case of Sham pain.

A certain street railway company was sued not long ago by a certain woman of uncertain age, for damages. She claimed that she got off the car at a certain corner, and just as she went to step on terra asphalt the conductor gave the gripman a ring, the car started, and she was violently seated on the pavement, where she had time to think it over. She claimed that it hurt her feelings, got her hat on crooked and otherwise did great mental, moral and physical damage. At the time of trial it developed that the conductor didn't give the gripman a ring, the woman didn't get a fall near the street car at all, but that she went from the car to the curb, stepped on a banana peeling and sat down violently on the curbing. When she went home she told a neighbor that it didn't hurt her a bit, and the neighbor—well, the neighbor said it was too much of a case of sham pain. There are all sorts of cases nowadays. The Nebraska gets lots of 'em every day. Some days it's clothes—then shoes—then hats—then underwear—and so on. To-day we'll open some new cases of underwear for men which we shall sell at 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a garment. The 35c ones are Jersey knit, full fleeced, worth 50c. The 50c ones are striped fleeced Jersey and fancy Merinos, worth 65c. The 75c ones are all wool dollar goods, and the \$1.00 ones are heavy all wools and silk face, with puffy fleece lining. You might think it would give us a pain to sell these goods so much cheaper than our neighbors do for blocks around us, but it's a sham pain, and we enjoy it.

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DR. MARGARITA A. STEWART.

Dr. Margarita A. Stewart, of New York, read a paper on temperance that aroused the most intense interest at the convention of the New York County Women's Christian Temperance Union. In it she said:

"We have thought that the saloon was the cause; that the manufacture and sale of liquor was primarily responsible for the stimulant habit. These are but the supply, which has come to meet the demand for stimulants. The demand for stimulants originates in a physiological cause which has its root in the source of life."

"Too much luxury is producing an increase in the use of stimulants. Americans are paying to-day for the luxury of our immediate ancestors by the alarming increase in the use of alcoholic and other stimulants, which means degeneration and decay. The period following the civil war was the first in which the American people were able to enjoy complete ease. In all the history of the community there is no increase of nervous excitement. This was founded the fearful thirst for stimulants which results in the increase of drunkards to-day. The remedy is it is temperance—temperance in all things—not only in eating and drinking, but in all forms of enjoyment."